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## News Briefs

### Tree lighting festivities

The Spangdahlem AB tree lighting festivities take place Dec. 8 beginning with a parade at 4 p.m. at the parking area across from the Eifel Lanes Bowling Center. The parade will proceed down Arnold Blvd. and end in the old Eifel Club parking lot near the Power Zone. The tree lighting ceremony begins at 5 p.m. Santa Claus and refreshments are available until 7 p.m. The Bitburg Annex tree lighting takes place Dec. 9 at 6 p.m. at the chapel across from the BX and movie theater.

### Wing training day

The next wing training day is Dec. 8. Base agencies and offices are closed for training. People in need of urgent medical care should go to the Bitburg Annex Emergency Room.

### Tire recall

Cooper Tire and Rubber Company is voluntarily recalling the following Cooper Tires sold after Sept. 1: Cooper Lifeline Touring SLE H-Rated and T-Rated tires. For more information, call 52nd FW Ground Safety Office at 452-7233.

### LEAD Program

USAFE Airmen with an AFQT score above 85 are potential candidates for the Leaders Encouraging Airman Development program. LEAD identifies qualified Airmen for either the Air Force Academy Prep School or the Air Force Academy. For more information on applying, contact your unit first sergeant or the education office.

### BHS graduation date change

The Bitburg High School graduation has changed to June 9, 2007, due to the NATO Tactical Evaluation Inspection June 4-8. For details, call BHS at 452-9337 or 452-9202.

### Weekly accident report

Team Eifel was involved in seven minor accidents last week and four major accidents. One accident occurred on L-39 adjacent to Scharfbillig, while the second accident was on L-46 at the traffic light near Herforst. The third and fourth major crashes were on B-50 near Metterich and the Albachmuehle curve. Speed too fast for conditions and following too closely to another vehicle were the causes for the accidents. (Information courtesy of Harald Kotsch, 52nd Security Forces Squadron).

### SFS troops awarded Purple Heart

Read "Spangdahlem Airman helps save life of Airmen during convoy attack" on Page 2.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Emily Moore

### Dance fever

A Native American dancer from the dance troop "Feathers of the Shield" performs for an audience at the Bitburg Annex gymnasium Nov. 21 in honor of Native American Heritage Month.

## Post office delivers holiday cheer

Story and photo Staff Sgt. Tammie Moore

52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Boxes filled with holiday wishes line numerous shelves in the Spangdahlem Air Base mail room waiting to be processed, picked up and finally enjoyed by their recipient.

With the count down to the holiday season approaching, Sabers are reminded when it comes to mailing and picking up their holiday packages that prior planning and patience are important.

As patrons have likely noticed the holiday hustle and bustle is steadily picking up at the post office. An increase in the number of packages processed through the post office here is evident from Nov. 15 through Jan. 15. During this time frame the approximately 40 person staff of postal Airmen, agumentees, civilians and volunteers process, stock, label and disseminate more than 1.2 million pounds of mail.

While the amount of mail processed through the Spangdahlem AB Post Office can seem a bit overwhelming at times, those who work there say they don't focus on the numbers.

"You try not to think about it or you really get overwhelmed just dealing with the day to day operations here," said Staff Sgt. Nick Hoppe, 52nd Communication Squadron military postal specialist. "Right now we have no room on our shelves. We are waiting for customers to pick up their packages so we can sort more."

Mail generally arrives at the post office by the truck load during the late afternoon in large bags. It takes the postal workers about three to four hours to break down the bags. Packages in the shipment are placed on the shelves and scanned into the post



Karen Webb, 52nd Communications Squadron postal volunteer, sorts mail into boxes at the Spangdahlem Air Base Post Office. Without the help of volunteers like Mrs. Webb, spouse of Maj. William Webb, 726th Air Mobility Squadron, Airmen at the post office would have a difficult time keeping up with the holiday workload.

office's system so they can be labeled and slips can be placed in the recipient's post office box. Since space is very limited at the post office, it is important for Sabers to check their mail daily during the holiday season.

What comes in first is what is shelved and scanned first and as

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## SECAF stresses service before self attitude

(Editor's note: The following is a message from the Honorable Michael W. Wynne, Secretary of the Air Force to Airmen).

One of my greatest privileges as your Secretary is witnessing the selfless dedication on display by Airmen around the world. You consistently demonstrate your commitment to the Core Value of Service Before Self.

Wherever I look, Airmen are executing our mission -- flying and fighting in

Air, Space, and Cyberspace. More than 30,000 Airmen are deployed around the world in support of 11 major operations and more than 62,000 Airmen are serving overseas. Whether our Airmen are fighting the Global War on Terror, providing deterrence on the Korean peninsula, or bringing aid to communities devastated by natural disasters, they continue to perform wonders.

### A Higher Cause

Across all ranks and specialties,

Airmen serve a higher cause than their own self-interest. Air Force Reserve C-130 crews serve the greater good of our citizens, fighting wildfires in Oregon, Idaho, and California. Airmen serve on KC-135s and E-3s over the skies of South America, supporting counter-drug operations. Airmen serve deep in the mountains of Afghanistan, calling in A-10s and B-1s for airstrikes in support of coalition troops. Airmen serve as America's silent

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**RESCON** Watch

**BRAVO**

1-2 DUIs/ARIs in the Last 30 Days

Days since last DUI/ARI: **22**

351 Airmen's lives were saved by the Airmen Against Drunk Driving Program since Jan. 1, 2006. When going out and your plan falls through call AADD for a ride, at 06565-61-2233.



# SFS members awarded Purple Hearts

## Spangdahlem Airman helps save life of Airmen during convoy attack

Story and photo by Capt. Jeff Clark  
386th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

**CAMP BUCCA, Iraq** -- Staff Sgt. Rory Sturm and Airman Kevin Perez Glazer were presented Purple Hearts in a ceremony here Nov. 14 for injuries sustained when an improvised explosive device ripped through their Humvee.

While receiving the medals is a memorable event, both members of the 586th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron Area Security Operations team, said the night of the explosion is the one they will never forget.

On the evening of Oct. 16, Sergeant Sturm was the truck commander and Airman Perez Glazer was the driver on patrol near Safwan, Iraq. As their vehicle approached an overpass there was a loud bang and bright flash.

"I thought whoa, what was that," said Airman Perez Glazer, who is deployed from Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany. "I knew some of the tires popped (turns out they all had) but I also knew I had to get us out of there."

Airman Perez Glazer drove another 150 meters or so then provided security for the disabled vehicle while Sergeant Sturm performed buddy care on their gunner, Airman 1st Class Brandon Byers. Once one of the unit's Combat Life Savers, Staff Sgt. Jason Kidd took over caring for Airman Byers, Sergeant Sturm manned the M2 .50 caliber and started scanning for an attack or the triggerman, but the area was clear.

"Our team worked flawlessly," said Sergeant Sturm, who is deployed from Cheyenne Mountain Air Station, Colo. "We just happened to be the ones hit, but we're here today because the other vehicles in our team, Sergeant Kidd and an Army

medic responded so quickly."

Both Airmen agree the unknown private first class was "on point" and deserves recognition and credit for the role he played.

"I think he (Army medic) saved Airman Byers' life," Airman Perez Glazer said. "He was just so calm and fast. I wish I knew his name so I could thank him."

Once Airman Byers, who was deployed from Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., was medivaced and the adrenaline stopped pumping through them, both Sergeant Sturm and Airman Perez Glazer realized they'd been injured as well.

"I was checked out and told to get my gear off," Airman Perez Glazer said. "They said I'd been hit with shrapnel in the back."

To ensure there weren't other injuries or any psychological damage inflicted on the Airmen, they were relieved from any patrol duties for a few days, but both say they were eager to get back "outside the wire."

At the medal ceremony, 386th Air Expeditionary Wing Commander Paul Curlett recognized their courage and sacrifice.

"They volunteered to step forward and defend their country in its hour of need," Colonel Curlett said, "Now they will join the honored company of well over half a million Purple Heart recipients alive today, who all served and who all sacrificed in the name of something higher than themselves."

"It is a profound honor for me to thank each of you, and your families, for your service, your sacrifice, your dedication, your courage and your commitment."



Staff Sgt. Rory Sturm, deployed from Cheyenne Mountain Air Station, Colo., and Airman Kevin Perez Glazer, deployed from Spangdahlem Air Base, were presented Purple Hearts in a ceremony at Camp Bucca, Iraq, Nov. 14 for injuries sustained when an improvised explosive device ripped through their Humvee.

## Cheer

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soon as those packages are picked up, new items are posted on the shelf, said Senior Airman Romeo Carter-Brown, 52nd CS military postal specialist.

To help the postal workers from becoming overwhelmed during the holiday season, they are soliciting volunteers to assist them in shelving and distributing mail every day of the week starting Monday through Jan. 15 from 9 a.m. to midnight. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old and of high moral standards.

"We encourage people from around the base to volunteer here, even 15 or 20 minutes helps," Sergeant Hoppe said. "Volunteers sort letter class mail and deliver packages at our parcel pick up window. We really enjoy having volunteers here at Spangdahlem and at the Bitburg post office. They are very helpful to fulfilling our mission."

Sabers who want to spread holiday cheer to friends and family members in the states should send parcel airlift mail by Monday, priority and first class mail before Dec. 11 and express mail no later than Dec. 18 to help ensure that packages are received before Christmas.

"These dates are based on transit time from here to the states," Airman Carter-Brown said.

In addition, to mailing package early Sergeant Hoppe has a few tips to offer to those sending holiday gifts through the postal system.

"When mailing packages put the proper return address on your package, wrap and pack the gifts well and insure high valued items," Sergeant Hoppe said. "Also when waiting for a package, remember that the mail is jam-packed and it could take a few more days than usual. We will do everything thing in our power to get the packages to you as soon as possible."

One of the tools being used at the Spangdahlem AB Post Office to facilitate better customer service is the extension of operating hours. Beginning Monday through Christmas Eve the finance window will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the Parcel pick-up window from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Tammie Moore

**Staff Sgt. Nick Hoppe, 52nd CS military postal specialist, helps unload a mail shipment. Workers at the Spangdahlem AB Post Office process approximately 1.2 million pounds of mail during the holiday season.**

Despite the long days which can range from 12 to 14 hours during the holiday season, the postal employees agree there are rewards to their job.

It is satisfying to see the smile on people's faces who know their mail is here, Airman Carter-Brown said.

Sergeant Hoppe agreed. It is a gratifying feeling when the children come in and say, "Oh, that is for me."

For more information about volunteering, call the Spangdahlem AB Post Office at 452-7182 and the Bitburg Annex Post Office at 452-9405.

Third time's a charm ...

## Wing CC reaches 1,000 hour mark flying F-16

By Senior Airman Eydie Sakura  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

After flying fighters for more than 23 years, he said he cannot believe he is paid to do it.

Col. Darryl Roberson, 52nd Fighter Wing commander, reached the 1,000 hour mark in an F-16 *Fighting Falcon* Nov. 17, the third time he has reached this milestone in his Air Force career.

"I love flying. It's exhilarating, constantly a challenge and no two mission are ever the same," the wing commander said. "It's when I have been away from it for a short while, such as two years on staff tours, and I get back into a jet for requalification that it really hits me how much I love flying."

Colonel Roberson said the first time he reached 1,000 hours in a fighter was a big event, it is a major milestone and a mark for the amount of experience both as a fighter pilot and in that particular aircraft.

"This is my third jet to reach 1,000 hours in, so it's kind of unique, and I have been extremely fortunate to fly three different major platforms," he said. "I look forward to reaching the 4,000 hour mark in fighters but what it really means is that I have been around a long time."

His first flight in an F-16 at Luke Air Force Base, Ariz., after finishing his last job on the Joint Staff at the Pentagon was a watershed event for him.

"I forgot how good it was to fly a fighter like an F-16. I vowed that I will always fly until I physically cannot," he said.

The seasoned pilot has 1,000 hours in an F-16; 1,025 in the F-4 *Phantom*; and 1,960 in the F-15E *Strike Eagle*.

"This (milestone) will not impact my career, my wife is proud, and the wing will merely read about it in the paper," the colonel said. "This wing has an incredible mission and everyone works hard every day to ensure we can complete it."



Photo by Master Sgt. Ron Przysucha

**Col. Darryl Roberson, 52nd Fighter Wing commander, pulls into tight formation with another F-16CJ over the Turkish mountains after completing the final mission of exercise ANATOLIAN EAGLE in November.**





Photo by Tech. Sgt. Pamela Anderson

## Top Saber Performer

**Name:** Senior Airman Lucia Romulus  
**Unit:** 52nd Operations Group  
**Duty title:** Commander's Support Staff journeyman  
**Hometown:** Palm Beach, Fla.  
**Years in service:** Five  
**Nominee's contributions to 52nd Fighter Wing mission success:** Airman Romulus drives precision of daily program management for the first consolidated CSS here. She sustains six diverse squadrons' personnel programs, serving more than 400 personnel. Airman Romulus suspended, tracked and updated more than 250 initial allocation notices guaranteeing system integrity. She also processed 77 Consecutive Overseas Tour orders while maintaining 90 percent accuracy with minimal return rate.

**What do you do for fun?** During off-duty time I like to read books by different authors, study, do homework, shop and travel. Lately I have enjoyed the company of my friends and their children. I have also traveled to many unique towns within and outside of the Eifel.

**What do you like most about being stationed here?** The things that I enjoy the most about being here are the traveling adventures and the walking trails that are all over. I try to enjoy the fresh air as much as I can before it snows

**What's one thing you'd like to see changed or improved at Spangdahlem Air Base?** I would like to see the morale of the Airmen changed here. Being in Germany is a great experience and no one should sit in the dorms during their time here.

## National Disability Employee Month Association names essay winner

By Zeth McNeal  
 Bitburg High School student

The world we live in is far from perfect. Everyone has defects, and for many people, they can be life-altering. Person after person is born with some type of genetic flaw. And, the bodies of others are irreversibly damaged through serious injuries.

In order for these people to live, they must learn to deal with their afflictions. It is necessary for them to develop ways to work through, with, and around their disabilities. Many easy and taken-for-granted tasks that "normal" people have no trouble performing are extravagant expeditions for the blind, deaf, inambulatory, and otherwise impeded.

It is unfortunate that "normal" people exist who look down on the handicapped. They seem to think that these people's disabilities will prevent them from ever becoming as great as the physically unflawed. There are those who believe that the disabled suffer horribly because of their many lamentable conditions and would be better off dead.

On the contrary, these "disadvantaged" people may, in a major way, be better off than the normals, achieving greater accomplishments than the unimpeded could ever reach!

To become great, the handicapped must first defeat their condition by accepting it. Then, they must work to overcome their disability and attain some form of normalcy. After this, they have to get past the stares, pity glances, hushed conversations at their entrances and many other things that "normal" people do to single them out. And yet still, the disabled must prove to others that they can do a job well despite their impediment.

Finally, when they overcome these and reach some great achievement in the tasks set before them, their accomplishments mean something even more. When all is said and done, they not only achieved the accomplishment but also overcame a disabling shortcoming. In a way, these handicapped are blessed. For the greatest accomplishment that a disabled person can achieve will always be greater than the same of a non-handicapped person.

## Boy Scouts honor veterans

Hans Hooker, Luxembourg American Cemetery and Memorial superintendent, supervises Spangdahlem Air Base Boy Scouts folding an American flag.



Courtesy photo

## Eifel Salutes

### 52nd Maintenance Group

Keeping 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron RAMS tough and safe are safety managers **Technical Sergeants David Toler, Charles Cape, James Phillips** and **Staff Sergeants Cheryl Herniman** and **Kevin Bryant**. During the recent U.S. Air Forces in Europe staff assistant visit, the squadron received praise for a stalwart safety program.

Also keeping the door closed against non-compliance were **Technical Sergeants James Phillips, David Toler** and **Staff Sergeants Katie Sponsler, Isis Carrillo** and **Jeremy Guy**. These individuals ensured the squadron received no write-ups during the annual environmental, safety and occupational health assessment. Keep up the great work RAMS!

The Avionics Intermediate Shop and Sensors Precision Angular Vectoring Equipment Penny Centralized Intermediate Repair Facility operations are burning the midnight oil with temporary duty assignment support from **Tech. Sgt. Steve Laird** and **Senior Airman Richelle McKee** out of Pope Air Force Base, N.C., and diligent home station gurus **Staff Sergeants Jason Nazareth** and **Joshua Dehaven** and **Senior Airman Shawn Melville**. The Herculean effort demonstrated by this crew returned 15 of 17 PAVE Penny pods to the Operation Iraq Freedom war fighters and five of seven to the 81st Fighter Squadron. This was accomplished with only one functioning test set, bare knuckles and long hours of around-the-clock hard work. Their efforts received praise from the USAFE/A4 functional manager.

### 52nd Medical Group

**Capt. Jeannie Berry**, Pediatric Clinic nurse manager, did an outstanding job coordinating Maternal Child Flight Wingman Day activities. As a result of her efforts, the flight had a fun and meaningful wingman morning.

**Tech. Sgt. James Collins**, 52nd Medical Operations Squadron Immunizations Clinic, did an outstanding job heading up the annual flu vaccination program. In four days, more than 2,500 vaccinations were given.

### 726th Air Mobility Squadron

Congratulations to **Senior Airman Jessica Jones**, 726th AMS, who earned an Air Mobility Transportation Group nomination for the 2006 Personnel Manager of the Year award in the Personnel Specialist Category.

### Sabers capture tournament

Congratulations to **Senior Airman Joseph Cipolla** and **Nathan Kinnaird** captured first place in the USAFE paintball tournament. Airman Cipolla also won the sportsmanship prize.

### Outstanding CDC scores

Congratulations to **Airman David Foglietti**, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron, 90 percent; **Senior Airman Corey Richards**, 52nd CES, 94 percent; **Airman Michael Vandbogaert**, 52nd CES, 91 percent; **Staff Sgt. Jason Larsen**, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron, 91 percent; **Airman 1st Class Amy Huling**, 52nd Medical Group, 91 percent; and **Senior Airman Megan Cursher**, 52nd Services, 96 percent. Way to go!



Courtesy photo

## Top Saber Team

**Unit name:** 701st Munitions Maintenance Squadron Security Forces Flight Police Services Section

**A brief description of unit responsibilities:** The two-person team tracks security clearance investigations for the squadron and inspects for compliance with NATO information security standards. They manage the unit's entry authority listings, coordinate Belgian Air Force EALs, and control issue of required BAF credentials to U.S. Air Force personnel. Police Services implements personal vehicle and weapons registration through Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe and also investigates criminal incidents, coordinating with military and civilian agencies.

**Number of members:** Two

**How does the team fit into the 52nd Fighter Wing's mission?** As part of a geographically separated unit, this section supports the PL 1 mission by maintaining 150 security clearances, and manages all EALs for assigned, visiting and inspection personnel. They ensure mission requirements are met with zero entry violations. Police Services provides continuous education and training on NATO information security requirements to the squadrons security managers. They also organize regular SHAPE driving classes to educate squadron personnel on European driving regulations, eliminating temporary duty assignment expenses and travel time. They assist more than 300 squadron personnel and family members with registering personal vehicles with the federal government of Belgium.

**Team's other contributions through the year?** Police Services ensured operational perfection during the 2006 U.S. Air Forces in Europe Inspector General Nuclear Surety Inspection with zero findings in entry control or mission execution, ensuring the highest possible rating. With 17 programs, more than any other section in the squadron, Police Services received zero write-ups during the 2006 USAFE/A7 Staff Assistance Visit and the USAFE/IG Unit Compliance Inspection. Their efforts contributed to the 701st MUNSS Security Forces receiving an excellent UCI rating.



# Students earn money for college with YES Program

By Caitlin Schwartz  
52nd Fighter Wing  
Public Affairs intern

Getting into college is hard, but finding money for college is even harder. Many students put their time, energy and sanity in to writing essays and mini-biographies, trying to finance their future.

The Youth Employment Skills program headed by Youth Service, and funded by the Air Force Aid Society, provides students of active-duty Airmen the chance to earn scholarship funds at a rate of \$4 an hour, and the chance to receive up to \$1,000 in exchange for their time volunteering.

Participation in the YES Program gives high school students real world job skills in areas they might want to pursue later in life, said Suzanne Russom, 52nd Services Squadron youth annex recreation specialist. "Volunteers are always needed in any community."

During the last three years there have been 30 YES Program participants here at Spangdahelm Air Base and more than \$17,000 awarded to students. Students volunteered at the post office, library, hospital and youth centers.



Photo by Nick Anderson

**Rachael Russom, Bitburg High School student and YES Program participant, right, spends time with a fellow student and volunteers her time as a tutor at the youth center. Students who participate in the YES Program earn money for college and gain work experience.**

The YES Program encourages students to explore new fields and gain experience in learning specific job skills. This also allows students the chance to investigate multiple areas they would be interested in one day as a possible career choice.

Rachael Russom, Bitburg High School student and YES Program participant, completed her hours working with nine to 12 year olds at the youth center, tutoring and leading enrichment programs.

"It was a great," Ms. Russom said. "I got to work with children and gain the

experience that I will need for a future as a second grade teacher. The people were great and it was the easiest thing to do, but one that I had more fun with."

With a growing success rate, three students, Erette Grubbs, Rachel Simonen and Ms. Russom, have already completed their goal of 250 hours.

With many more coming close to meeting that goal, the Spangdahelm AB community has benefited from the students who have taken time out of their day to better their future and help the community.

# Making the grade ...

## DoDEA urges DoDDS students to earn 2.0 GPA to graduate, receive diploma

By Senior Airman Eydie Sakura  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

On Nov. 22, 213 Bitburg High School students received honor roll certificates at an assembly here. This recognition was given to students with a grade point average of 3.0 and higher.

At semester, the students who earned the top five GPAs and five students who have improved their grades the most for the semester will be recognized for their achievements at the Commanders' Honor Roll, which is the highest academic recognition attainable.

"The total number of students receiving this recognition is outstanding, and speaks highly of the community," said David Carlisle, BHS principal. "However, the number one goal for the (Department of Defense Education Activity) Community Strategic Plan is 'Success for all students.' That means the bar for earning a (Department of Defense Dependents Schools) diploma has been raised."

The DoDEA plan has made it clear that students must receive a cumulative 2.0 GPA in order to earn a DoDDS diploma.

"It appears we have several students who have grades too low to graduate right now, and there is still time to bring the grades up!" said Col. Darryl Roberson, 52nd Fighter Wing commander. "Parents and students have to commit to study, do the homework and seek teacher help if appropriate. Education is such a basic and vital step to establishing a strong foundation for a successful life."

The BHS administration established the Student Success Team to identify all students

who fall into one of the following categories: earned less than a 2.5 GPA; received more than two D's or F's at the progress report or first quarter grading period; enrolled in a support class; and scored in less than the 50th percentile on the Terra Nova standardized test.

The Student Success Team is comprised of the administration, counselors, the nurse and the psychologist. They focus on individual students or school issues, and attempt to identify the roadblocks to success, Mr. Carlisle said.

"Parents can play a key role in the success of their student at school," he said. "It will take a concerted effort from everyone to bring our student(s) to the expected standard of achievement, but if we truly want to ensure success for our student, we need to create an environment that supports their success."

### Tips for parents, students

- ◆ Insist that homework be done and students study school material in the evening. Teachers often cite the two major factors in student under-achievement: failure to turn in homework and poor performance on tests.

- ◆ Develop a workable communication with the teachers. An effective method that takes little time is an agenda book where students have teachers initial by period acknowledging that work was accomplished and turned in.

- ◆ Make sure students have necessary materials, such as paper, pencils, hole punches and staplers at home. A home computer is expensive, but needed for students.

- ◆ See the counselor and make a four-year plan. Talk openly about life after high school.

## Service

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sentries, maintaining the readiness of our Inter-Continental Ballistic Missiles deep in underground control centers across the heartland. Air National Guardsmen serve in the skies over our homes, providing air defense patrols and alert forces ready at a moment's notice. In Balad, Iraq, the service of Air Force medics and evacuation teams saves the lives of Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and their fellow Airmen daily.

Whether on the tip of the spear or supporting the mission with steadfast professionalism, all Airmen are equally committed to Service Before Self – defending our nation at the cost of great personal sacrifice.

### Acts of Heroism

The value of Service Before Self is obvious in acts of heroism. Although images of heroic acts come to mind when we talk of Service Before Self, I am fully confident that this value lies deep within us all.

Medal of Honor recipient, A1C John Levitow, explains it best in his quote etched forever in the Inscription Wall at our Air Force Memorial: "I have been recognized as a hero for my ten minutes of action over Vietnam, but I am no more a hero than anyone else who has served their country."

Service Before Self is more than a slogan; it is a moral imperative I see internalized daily in all of America's Airmen. It makes me ever proud to serve alongside you.

*Michael W. Wynne*  
Michael W. Wynne

## Wing lauds newest ALS graduates

Staff reports

**Senior Airman Brenton Murphy** received top honors from Airman Leadership School Class 07-1. During the Nov. 9 graduation ceremony, Airman Murphy received the John L. Levitow award. **Senior Airmen Gregor Teague** received the Academic Achievement award and **Michael Lemorie** received the Pitsenbarger Leadership Award. The Distinguished graduates were **Senior Airmen Carla Chandler**, Gregor Teague, Michael Lemorie, **Russell Carr** and **Donald Jungell III**.

*The graduates of Class 07-1 are:*

### Eagle Flight

**Senior Airman Christopher Edmonds**, 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron; **Charles Beland**, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; **Patrick Buuck**, 52nd AMXS; **Miranda Demers**, 52nd Medical Support Squadron; **Mariefaye Duarte**, 470th Air Base Squadron, NATO Air Base Gelienkirchen, Germany; **Kevin Dysart**, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron; **Nathan Hargrafen**, 52nd CES; **Dwayne Jobe**, 52nd CMS; **Donald Jungell III**,

Detachment 9 American Forces Network; **Trice Kelley**, 52nd CES; **Brenton Murphy**, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron; **Johnny Rodriguez**, 52nd Service Squadron; and **Dartanian Toney**, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron.

### Falcon Flight

**Senior Airmen Jayson Thornthon**, 703rd Munitions Support Squadron, Volkel Air Base, Netherlands; **Ryan Gilbreth**, 52nd CMS; **Eric Osborn**, 52nd AMXS; **Shawn Bjorgaard**, 701st Munitions Support Squadron, Kleine Brogel Air Base, Belgium; **John Boyett**, 52nd CMS; **Romeo Carter-Brown**, 52nd Communications Squadron; **Jacob Fedorka**, 52nd EMS; **Joshua Long**, 52nd AMXS; **Brandon Malpass**, 52nd AMXS; **Blake Mellom**, 52nd LRS; **Alicia Obmann**, 470th Air Base Squadron; **Craig Porath**, 702nd Munitions Maintenance Squadron, Buechel Air Base, Germany; **Erik Pulkinen Jr.**, 52nd CES; and **Matthew Schellenger**, 52nd LRS.

### Phantom Flight

**Senior Airmen Jeremy Jones**, 52nd CES; **Brandon Ramos**, 52nd AMXS; **Nathan Allen**, 52nd LRS; **Adrianne**

**Arias**, 52nd Medical Support Squadron; **James Betourne**, 701st MUNSS; **Daniel Boyce**, 52nd LRS; **Carla Chandler**, 470th Air Base Squadron; **Seth Cheezum**, 52nd EMS; **Alana Hurst**, 702nd MUNSS; **Sergio Landeros**, 52nd AMXS; **Michael Lemorie**, 52nd LRS; **Jason Simpson**, 52nd Security Forces Squadron; **Gregor Teague**, 52nd CES; **Carl Yonkers**, 52nd CES; and **Aaron Zibbel**, 52nd CES.

### Warthog Flight

**Senior Airmen Russell Carr II**, 52nd AMXS; **Amy Cody**, 702nd MUNSS; **Jereon Bailey**, 52nd EMS; **Ryan Baxter**, 52nd AMXS; **Jay Brown**, 52nd CES; **Joshua Brudwick**, NATO AWACS; **Rachelle Butts**, 606th Air Control Squadron; **Cory Elya**, 470th Air Base Squadron; **Timothy Kirby**, 702nd MUNSS; **Chris Kohler**, 52nd LRS; **William Radcliff**, 52nd EMS; **Breanna Lee Rende**, 52nd Operations Support Squadron; **Zachary Ryan**, 701st MUNSS; **Gregory Strugis**, 702nd MUNSS; and **William Watson II**, 52nd CMS.

*(Information courtesy of Staff Sgt. Jessica Alfke, Pitsenbarger Airman Leadership School).*



*Love and marriage ...*

# Airman and Family Readiness Center reintegration retreat successful for Sabers returning from AOR

**Story and photo by**  
**Senior Airman Eydie Sakura**  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

*(Editor's note: This is the third story in a three-part series on deployments, redeployments and the services and programs offered by the Airman and Family Readiness Center).*

Time is precious. It gets shorter as you get older.

That is the feeling Tech. Sgt. Steve Davis, 606th Air Control Squadron Quality Assurance NCOIC, gets every time he deploys. Although a six-time veteran to deployments, he says it does not get easier as the years slide by and his three children grow older.

"Time away from my family is a little more critical than it was before," the technical sergeant said. "The deployments are getting longer and for me it's getting more difficult because I'm getting along in my career, and you'd think you'd get used to them, but you don't."

Beth Holman who has more than 22 years experience as an Air Force spouse says the deployments are getting easier only because her three children and she are getting used to them. Her husband, Senior Master Sgt. Steve Holman, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron heavy repair superintendent, was deployed last year for the sixth time.

"It does get easier, but the longer deployments are harder, just because he's gone so much longer and we miss each other," Mrs. Holman said. "The family dynamics have to change, and we have learned to adjust to him leaving, being gone and then having to readjust after he returns."

Readjusting to life at home station for redeployers and their families is the primary focus of the Airman and Family Readiness Center, and their goal is to advance mission readiness by assisting families and single military members in adapting to the demands of Air Force life.

The A&FRC provides quality of life activities based on community needs. One such suc-



**About 25 couples attended the Airman and Family Readiness Center's Mosel Marriage Retreat Nov. 4-5 at a local hotel along the Mosel River. Couples participated in workshops and small group discussions ranging from reducing conflict and appreciating financial differences, to increasing romance and intimacy. The aim of the retreat is to supply couples with the skills necessary for a smooth transition back together following separation from deployments.**

cessful program created here is the reintegration retreats the center and community host called the Mosel Marriage Retreat, a weekend conference at a hotel along the Mosel River.

"We recognize that couples experience significant stress around deployment, family separations and reintegration. Our retreats offer couples a structured and enlightening environment to reconnect with their spouses," said Tawania Brulles, 52nd Mission Support Squadron A&FRC flight chief. "Healthier more resilient couples make for healthier, resilient families -- Sabers who are mission ready -- a win-win for our community as well as the Air Force as a whole."

The retreat offers topics ranging from reducing conflict and appreciating financial differences, to increasing romance and intimacy. The aim is to supply couples with the skills necessary for a smooth transition back together following separation, Ms. Brulles said.

"The retreat reinforced some things we have known about ourselves, but has come out again as far as conflict management, anger management and how we can relate to one another better," Mrs. Holman said after participating in the retreat with her husband.

Sergeant Davis and his wife, Kathy, have been married nearly 15 years and attended the Mosel Marriage Retreat in early November.

"We have a wonderful relationship, but there are always things you can learn about ourselves and each other," Sergeant Davis said. "We've known each other for 22 years and I think people who are newlyweds, to those who have been together for a long time, can still learn a lot. This (retreat) facilitates that."

The A&FRC offers programs designed to offer support and relief to Sabers.

Ms. Brulles said the financial counseling and budget assessment classes are always in

high demand. The key spouses program is also a major contributor the building strong Air Force families.

"I used to be a key spouse for (52nd CES), and we try to keep spouses in the loop ... tell them what's happening in the squadron and what's happening around base," Mrs. Holman said. "It's very easy to become disconnect from the squadron when your spouse is gone. Because that's usually how they get their news."

She also said the key spouses are available to provide deployed spouses an additional resource if they need something or are having a problem.

"We are like a street sign pointing them in the direction they may need to go," she said.

With roughly 13 community readiness consultants, two active-duty staff members and more than 30 volunteers facilitate the programs and services offered here at the A&FRC.

"Several of our activities are led and managed by our volunteers," Ms. Brulles said. "Last year their efforts included more than 2,600 man hours and serving roughly 7,745 Sabers. If funding is forthcoming, we are poised to host two more reintegration retreats in the coming year based on the (air expeditionary force) cycle."

During the February 2006 reintegration retreat, pre- and post-tests offered by the Baylor School of Social Work reported that couples found greater happiness in their marriage; increased hope for success of their marriage; better communication skills; better conflict resolution skills; decreased negative interactions with spouse and increased commitment to relationship, said Ms. Brulles.

"It's so important to know that someone cares," said Kathy Davis. "It can be something small ... it's the love and the support ... we're all in this together."

For more information on the reintegration retreats and services available, call the A&FRC at 452-6422.

## Fire department shares fire safety, prevention tips for holidays

Staff reports

The holidays are almost upon us again and it is that time of year to cook the turkeys, trim the tree and set up the lights.

There is usually an increase in home fires during this time and that happens because, according to the National Fire Protection Association, people are doing more cooking, home decorating and using heating equipment during the winter.

"NFPA stats indicate that one in four home Christmas tree fires resulted from a heat source placed too close to the tree," said Staff Sgt. Paul Luevano, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron Fire and Emergency Services Flight fire inspector.

The type of tree a family sets up is a big factor in how quickly a fire can start and spread.

"A dry evergreen tree presents an

extreme fire hazard, so be sure to purchase a freshly cut tree and be aware of any brittle or shedding needles," said Tech. Sgt. Mark Abrahamson, 52nd CES assistant chief of fire prevention. "You need to ensure the tree is secure in a non-trip tree stand and is away from heat sources such as radiators, TV sets and fireplaces. If you prefer an artificial tree be sure that it contains a 'fire-retardant' label."

Faulty electric can also be a factor in fires and it's more of a concern in older homes, Sergeant Luevano said.

"Older homes might be a risk if the home has not been maintained properly wire and the heating system could pose a threat," he said.

Regardless of how fires start, people are encouraged to take basic safety precautions by having working fire alarms in their homes and fire extinguishers," Sergeant Luevano said.

### Additional Safety tips:

#### *Holiday decorating and lighting*

- \* Use caution with holiday decorations and whenever possible, choose those made with flame-resistant, flame-retardant or non-combustible materials.
- \* Keep candles away from decorations and other combustible materials, and do not use candles to decorate Christmas trees.
- \* Purchase only lights and electrical decorations bearing the name of an independent testing lab, and follow the manufacturer's instructions for installation and maintenance.
- \* Carefully inspect new and previously used light strings and replace damaged items before plugging lights in. Do not overload extension cords.
- \* Check your strands of lights to determine the number of strands that may be connected. Connect no more

than three strands of push-in bulbs and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs.

- \* Always unplug lights before replacing light bulbs or fuses.
- \* Don't mount lights in any way that can damage the cord's wire insulation (i.e., use clips, not nails).
- \* Keep children and pets away from light strings and electrical decorations.
- \* Turn off all light strings and decorations before leaving the house or going to bed.

#### *Holiday entertaining*

- \* Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the U.S. Always remember to keep an eye on the range.
- \* Keep matches and lighters up high, out of sight and reach of children (preferably in a locked cabinet).
- \* Test your smoke alarms.



*Photo by Airman 1st Class Josie Kemp*  
**Staff Sgt. Patrick Ogborn, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron Fire and Emergency Services Flight member, takes training seriously during Wingman Day Nov. 1.**



CSAF's vector

USAF's newest aircraft helps save lives

To the Airmen of the United States Air Force,  
The Air Force has selected the CH/MH-47 built by The Boeing Company, Chicago, Illinois, as our newest Combat Search and Rescue (CSAR) aircraft, culminating a competitive source selection process among three vendors. We'll call it the HH-47.

We're confident our dedicated, professional CSAR Airmen and the HH-47 will carry on the rich Air Force CSAR heritage -- stretching back to the Army Air Corps, through conflicts in Korea, Vietnam and most recently in Iraq and Afghanistan -- toward a limitless horizon, where they continue to fly and fight "That Others May Live."

We are committed

Our ability to return isolated personnel to safety is a moral and ethical imperative, so we've made procurement of this new CSAR aircraft one of our highest weapon system procurement priorities. American and coalition war fighters can rest assured we will come to get them, no matter where they are. Today's battlefields are non-linear and non-contiguous, changing shape and venue with speed that outpaces and out-reaches legacy aircraft.

The Air Force must have a more capable next-generation CSAR aircraft to better support U.S. and coalition personnel isolated from friendly forces by distance, threat, weather and enemy action. We are committed to leaving no one behind -- a commitment that gives all members of the joint and coalition team the confidence to perform vital work in hostile and uncertain circumstances.

We plan to acquire 141 HH-47s to replace our aging inventory of HH-60G PAVE HAWK



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-- Gen. T. Michael Moseley, Chief of Staff of the Air Force

helicopters, and we expect to achieve Initial Operational Capability by the end of 2012 with the most capable CSAR aircraft ever. Range and payload remain the soul of an air force, and the HH-47 exceeds our requirements in both areas.

It will be capable of flying faster over longer ranges and higher altitudes, day or night, during adverse weather conditions, while carrying more personnel and specialized equipment than our legacy platform.

Its increased payload capability provides a dramatic improvement in the number of injured personnel that can be rescued per sortie. Additionally, the HH-47 will be net-ready and outfitted with advanced avionics giving crews vastly better battlespace awareness than ever before.

HH-47 crews will employ the best force protection capabilities ever offered, including a suite of integrated defensive systems and onboard weapons that give them greater firepower, lethality, and standoff range than legacy systems.

A long history of excellence

The USAF has a long history of excellence conducting Search and Rescue operations in times of conflict and in times of humanitarian need. In World War II, Army Air Forces (AAF)

elements partnered with the British to demonstrate the first US aviation rescue capability. After the war, the AAF consolidated Search and Rescue operations and training under an organization that in 1964 became the Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Service (ARRS).

During the Vietnam era, ARRS CSAR Task Forces saved 4120 personnel, 2780 of those in combat. "Jolly Green Giant" rescue crews were highly regarded by their fellow aviators and highly rewarded for their heroism.

They earned two Medals of Honor, 39 Air Force Crosses, and countless Silver Stars. Since 1979, the Air Force has awarded seven Mackay Trophies -- given annually for the year's most meritorious flight -- for rescue mission flights. Air Force CSAR Airmen have rescued over 470 members of the joint and coalition team in the Central Command AOR alone since 9/11.

Finally, in the aftermath of the 2005 hurricanes, Air Force personnel rescued 4544 Americans from the flood-ravaged Gulf Coast.

Thanks to decades of successful Combat Search and Rescue missions, America's enemies understand our commitment to recovering isolated friendly forces. Unfortunately, our enemies have also repeatedly demonstrated they intend to exploit captured personnel to undermine American strategic objectives. Effective CSAR denies the enemy the ability to exploit our courageous

war fighters by returning them to safety.

While other services do personnel recovery, the Air Force is the only service with forces dedicated entirely to CSAR. Whether stranded by downed aircraft, surrounded by a hostile enemy, or abducted by terrorists, isolated personnel know they can rely on our Air Force CSAR professionals to do their job.

Risks will be reduced

Every day our CSAR assets conduct operations across the spectrum of conflict. These dangerous missions are inherently high risk. But now, with the advent of the HH-47, those risks will be dramatically reduced. Our CSAR crews will have the increased combat radius, lift performance, and payload capability they need to operate effectively worldwide in the 21st century.

America's service men and women deserve the best. After careful consideration and a fair and open competition among multiple proposals, we've concluded that the Boeing CH/MH-47 is the best aircraft for the job. By purchasing 141 HH-47s, the Air Force will be able to provide the required force structure to sustain worldwide taskings for the nation's Combatant Commanders.

We're pleased about the opportunity to partner once again with Boeing, and are convinced our Airmen -- and all those in need around the world -- are in good hands.

*T. Michael Moseley*  
T. MICHAEL MOSELEY  
General, USAF  
Chief of Staff

Holiday safety message from COMUSAFE



*William T. Hobbins*  
Gen. Tommy Hobbins  
Commander, U.S. Air Forces in Europe



Another holiday season is upon us. As you spend well deserved time with your family and friends, I ask you to keep safety in the forefront of your thoughts. Reflecting on last year's holiday season, we had 20 reportable mishaps between

Thanksgiving and New Year's. These incidents covered a wide spectrum of incidents to include sports and recreation, on-duty, pedestrian, and private motor vehicle mishaps. A lack of focus on safety was a common thread in all of these

incidents, most of them preventable.

Admittedly, it is easy to get distracted with the excitement of the holidays in addition to your responsibilities at work. Planning a family get-together, taking a holiday vacation, buying gifts, decorating your home, traveling abroad, etc., can all distract you from the mission and your wingman duties.

Distractions lead to accidents and accidents are a sure-fired way to ruin a great holiday. Take a minute and make a vow to yourself, your wingman and your family not to be in that situation.

When I prepare for a mission, I completely clear my mind and think about performing my duties and nothing else. If I become distracted,

it could potentially cost me my life or the life of my wingman. Distractions while driving your car, working the sheet metal shop, transporting munitions, playing basketball, or even cooking a Thanksgiving turkey are no different.

Wingmen, if you see your friend is distracted to the point of losing focus on his or her duties, speak up. While the holidays are a time of joy and fellowship, they also can be a time of stress and depression. Be mindful of the signs and do not be afraid to act if you see a fellow Airman in need. This is the time to be on top of your game as a wingman!

Supervisors, look for distraction in the workplace and stay engaged with your Airmen. If you see them losing

focus, address the issue immediately. It's never too early to take action when an Airman's life is at risk. Each safety incident greatly impacts our ability to complete the mission.

U.S. Air Forces in Europe is nearly the end of another successful year fighting the Global War on Terrorism. The Air Force needs each and every one of you at your best. During this holiday season, relax and enjoy time with friends and family.

Stay focused on what you are doing and make responsible choices that will ensure the safety of you, your loved ones and the entire USAFE team. Have a safe holiday season!

Eifel Times

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The Direct Line program is a way to get answers to questions you still have after using your chain of command.

Direct Lines of general interest will be published in the Eifel Times and may be edited or paraphrased for brevity or clarity. Submit your Direct Line via:

- DirectLine@spangdahlem.af.mil
- Mailed to 52nd FW/PA, Unit 3680 Box 220, APO AE 09126
- To PA in building 23.
- Concerns may also be sent via fax to 452-5254.

Anonymous inputs are accepted. To receive a personal response you must include your name and phone number. Call the Eifel Times at 452-5244 for more information.

Sortie Scoreboard

Aircraft	Goal	Flown	Delta
22FS	270	219	0
23FS	372	278	-43
81FS	346	249	-35

\*Delta is contract vs. sorties flown to date.

Through Nov. 27

Courtesy of the 52nd Operations Support Squadron Plans and Scheduling Section



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## ANG vacancies

The Alabama Air National Guard has several part-time vacancies in a wide variety of career fields. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Vonsetta Love at 358-9191 or e-mail [vonsetta.love@almont.ang.af.mil](mailto:vonsetta.love@almont.ang.af.mil).

## Airman's Attic hours

The Airman's Attic, located in building 408A, is now open Mondays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call Else Wingert at 452-6422.

## A&FRC events

- ♦ A spouses newcomers Road Map of Spangdahlem event takes place Dec. 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Spangdahlem Willkommen Center. Spouses learn about cultural differences, employment, volunteer and education opportunities, base resources and more. Lunch is provided.

- ♦ A Heart Link course occurs Dec. 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in building 307. Lunch is provided. This program offers the opportunity for spouses to learn about the resources available to them and the Air Force mission.

For more information about either event, call 452-6422.

## Bank closure

The Spangdahlem AB Community Bank will be closed Thursday.

## DoDEA survey

The Department of Defense Education Activity offers a biannual customer satisfaction survey now through Feb. 28. For more information about the survey, call 452-9202 or visit <http://www.dodea.css/>.

## Essay contest

The USAFE Services is partnering with USAFE Safety for a Safety Smart essay contest which runs through Jan. 6. Essays must be 500-600 words about being safe in Europe with two sited library sources. The contest winner receives a free vacation get away. For more information and a complete list of rules, visit [www.usafelibraries.org](http://www.usafelibraries.org) or one of the base libraries.

## ICE feedback

The Interactive Customer Evaluation system collects feedback on services provided by various Department of Defense organizations. To leave ICE comments visit <https://ice.disa.mil>.

## IEE closure

The Individual Equipment Element now closes Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for flight physical training. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Stephen Vedder at 452-6121.

## Landstuhl donations

- ♦ The Pitsenbarger Airmen Leadership School is running a donations drive for the Landstuhl Fisher House. Donate paper towels, toilet paper, disposable plates and utensils, cleaners and more at the Spangdahlem AB and Bitburg Annex Commissaries. Food items will not be accepted. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Eric Ozburn at 452-9455 or Staff Sgt. Rebekah Villanueva at 452-5621.

- ♦ The Bitburg High School AF JROTC is collecting books for patients at Landstuhl Hospital. Send or bring donations to the BHS. Donated books will be delivered before the holiday season.

## Give Parents a Break

Give Parents a Break is a program, compliments of the Air Force Aid Society, designed to provide free child care on select days. The next session is Dec. 8 from 6:30-11:30 p.m. at the Bitburg Annex Child Development Center. Reservations and required paperwork must be received Thursday by noon. For reservation guidelines, call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 452-6422.

## Holiday happenings

- ♦ The 52nd FW hosts a Winter Wonderland Holiday Social Saturday from 6:30-11:30 p.m. at Club Eifel. For more information, call Capt. Diane Weed at 452-6012.

- ♦ Bitburg High School hosts an antique market Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the BHS cafeteria.

- ♦ Hugs for the Holidays takes place Dec. 11 from 2:15-3:15 p.m. at Spangdahlem Elementary School Old Gym. This activity is to help children communicate with loved ones they are separated from during the holidays. For more information or to volunteer, call Barbara Triplett at 452-6881.

- ♦ The Kaiserslautern American

German Business Club hosts their annual Christmas Holiday dinner Dec. 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the Dorint Novotel Hotel in Kaiserslautern, in conjunction with the German American International Women's Club. Cost is 20 euro per person. Attendees should also bring a gift of 10 euro value for a present exchange. To RSVP by Dec. 8, e-mail [larry\\_zani@compuserve.com](mailto:larry_zani@compuserve.com).

- ♦ The 52nd FW First Sergeants Council hosts an Unaccompanied Airmen Holiday Party Dec. 23 from 6-10 p.m. at the Brick House. This is a no fee holiday party open to all unaccompanied Airmen regardless of rank.

- ♦ Boy Scouts will sell Christmas trees at the Spangdahlem AB and Bitburg Annex commissary parking lots weekdays from 5-8 p.m. and weekends from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

## Red Cross course

The American Red Cross offers a First Aid and Safety class Dec. 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Students learn first aid and CPR for adults, children and infants. Students must visit the Red Cross office at Bitburg Annex in building 2001 to register prior to the day of the class, cost is \$25. For more information, call 452-9440 or 06565-61-9440.

## School news

All five Eifel schools close for winter break Dec. 21 through Jan. 5. Classes resume Jan. 8.

### Bitburg Elementary School

A Volunteering is Powerful Day event takes place today running from 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Class, office and other helpers are needed for an hour or longer. For more information, call 452-9215 or 452-9001.

### Bitburg Middle School

Mentors and volunteers are needed at BMS during seminar from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Seminar class is held every other day tutors are needed in language arts, social studies, algebra, mathematics 7 and 8, science and German. For more information, call Crystal Bartels at 452-9310.

### Spangdahlem Elementary School

- ♦ A PTSA general membership meeting takes and holiday potluck dinner takes place today at 6 p.m. Those attending the dinner should bring a dish to pass. To RSVP, call Diane Bitzes at 017-1166-3832.

- ♦ The PTSA runs a holiday store now through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.

# Chapel Services

## Spangdahlem AB

### Catholic Mass

- ♦ Saturday, 5 p.m.
- ♦ Sunday, 8:30 a.m.
- ♦ Sunday, religious education, 9:45 a.m. (building 139)
- ♦ Monday - Thursday, 11:45 a.m.

### Protestant

- ♦ Sunday, 10:30 a.m., traditional service
- ♦ Sunday, 1 p.m., Korean service
- ♦ Sunday, 5 p.m., Sunday Night Live service

## Bitburg Annex

### Catholic Mass

- ♦ Sunday, 11:30 a.m.
- ♦ Monday, 8:30 a.m.

### Protestant

- ♦ Sunday, 8:15 a.m., Liturgical; 9:30 a.m., Contemporary; 1 p.m., Gospel Service

## Happenings

The Protestant Women of the Chapel invite all Saber women to spend the afternoon decorating cookies and fellowship Saturday at 1 p.m. in the Spangdahlem AB Chapel Annex.

For more information about Jewish, Islamic, Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults or other faith needs, call the chapel at 452-6711/6281.



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Sing and dance to your favorite hits all night long!

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**DECEMBER 7 & 21**  
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# Der Markt

## Free classifieds policy and submission deadlines

Der Markt is for the personal resale of items by military and civilian employees and their families. Items such as advertisements for rental property won't be published due to funded paper restraints. Ads should be 35 words or less and customers are limited to no more than two ads per week. Ads must be typed or printed legibly and turned into the public affairs office, building 23, at least **10 days before the desired date of publication**. Ads can also be e-mailed to [publicity@spangdahlem.af.mil](mailto:publicity@spangdahlem.af.mil) or sent via fax to 452-5254. Having ads in by deadline does not guarantee publication. Ads for services generating regular income will not be published. The ads must include the sponsor's name and telephone number. Ads not meeting these requirements, including those exceeding the designated word limits, will not be printed. The Eifel Times staff reserves the right to edit ads.



## Movies

The following movie listings are for today through Dec. 7. Times and movies are subject to change. For more information, call 06565-61-9441 or 452-9441. For movie synopses, visit [www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp](http://www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp).

### Spangdahlem Skyline Today

◆ *Jet Li's Fearless* (PG-13, 7 p.m.)  
Huo Yuanjia, the son of a great fighter who did not wish for his child to follow in his footsteps, teaches himself how to fight. Years of training enable him to ace match after match. After a fight leads to a master's death, members of Huo's family are slain in revenge.

◆ *Flyboys* (PG-13, 9:30 p.m.)  
The adventures of the Lafayette Escadrille, young Americans who volunteered for the French military before the U.S. entered World War I, and became the country's first fighter pilots.



### Saturday

◆ *Jet Li's Fearless* (7 p.m.)  
◆ *Running with Siccors* (R, 9:30 p.m.)

In 1971, the neatness-obsessed but sharply observant 6-year-old Augusten finds himself trapped between his troubled parents: his mother Deidre, an unpublished and unstable confessional poet; and his father Norman, an alcoholic math professor. Deidre signs up for therapy with the eccentric Dr. Finch, a highly unconventional shrink who takes the family under his wing.

◆ *Jackass Number Two* (R, midnight)  
After smearing the world with all sorts of ridiculous crap, the original creators and cast of the MTV series are back at it again: significantly raising the stakes and lowering the bar.

### Sunday

◆ *Flyboys* (4 p.m.)  
◆ *Jackass Number Two* (7 p.m.)

### Monday

◆ *Running with Siccors* (7 p.m.)

### Tuesday

◆ *Jackass Number Two* (R, 7 p.m.)

### Wednesday and Thursday closed

### Bitburg Castle

#### Today

◆ *Gridiron Gang* (PG-13, 7 p.m.)  
Teenagers at a juvenile detention center, under the leadership of their counselor, gain self-esteem by playing football together.

◆ *The Black Dahlia* (R, 9:30 p.m.)  
An adaptation of James Ellroy's novel about two 1940s L.A. cops who head up the hunt for the killer of starlet Elizabeth Short.



### Saturday

◆ *The Covenant* (PG-13, 7 p.m.)  
Four young men who belong to a supernatural legacy are charged with stopping the evil force they released into the world years earlier. Another great force they must contend with is the jealousy and suspicion that threatens to tear them apart.

◆ *Flags of Our Fathers* (R, 9:30 p.m.)  
February 1945, even as victory in Europe was finally within reach, the war in the Pacific raged on. This is the life stories of the six men who raised the flag at The Battle of Iwo Jima, a turning point in World War II.

### Sunday

◆ *Gridiron Gang* (4 p.m.)  
◆ *Flags of Our Fathers* (7:30 p.m.)

### Monday and Tuesday closed

### Wednesday

◆ *Gridiron Gang* (7 p.m.)

### Thursday

◆ *The Black Dahlia* (7 p.m.)



History buffs and walking enthusiasts crowd around a World War II-era U.S. Army tank at McAuliffe Square in Bastogne, Belgium, during the 60th Anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge and before the annual perimeter walk December 2004.



A Belgian man dresses in character as a WWII U.S. Army Soldier during the walk. Soldiers wore white sheets donated by Belgian citizens to blend in with the snow-covered landscape.

## Bastogne's annual 'Nuts' celebration offers historical, educational experiences

By Senior Airman Eydie Sakura  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Damp, bone-chilling cold weather permeates your wet woolen jacket as you blow on your hands for added warmth. Your buddy in the foxhole next to you, who has also witnessed fellow comrades die before his eyes, gives you a look of complete and utter exhaustion. Hungry, tired and cold, the Allied Forces stood their ground against the German army during one of the snowiest and coldest winters along the German-Belgian border in recorded history.

The Battle of the Bulge began in mid-December, 1944, near Bastogne, Belgium -- a charming and peaceful town not too far from Spangdahlem. In terms of losses, it was the worst battle to the U.S. Army during World War II.

Honoring the "Defenders of Bastogne" in December during the town's annual "Nuts" celebration is a unique and memorable experience for any patriot wishing to experience something different during the weekend.

The 29th annual historical perimeter walk and 62nd anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge take place in Bastogne at 8 a.m. Dec. 16. People can choose to participate in a seven-, 13- or 20-kilometer walk along the perimeter, where American, British, Canadian, French and

Belgian forces kept the Germany army at bay -- ultimately saving the people and town of Bastogne, and putting the Allies one step closer to winning the war.

The walk begins at the Centre Sportif "Porte de Treve," with ceremonies, commemorations and events held in the city throughout the weekend.

If an outdoor walk is not up your alley, then stay warm in one of the many restaurants, cafes and historical museums the town offers.

The Bastogne Historical Center, located just outside of town, has a collection of authentic uniforms, weapons and material, and offers a 30-minute film telling the story of the battle of Bastogne. The museum tour takes about one hour and costs 8.50 euro for adults.

Across the road is the Mardasson Memorial, a gigantic star-shaped structure with the names of the 48 states which then made up the United States engraved on the crown. It is dedicated to the American soldiers who fell in the battle, and stands as a token of gratitude by the Belgian people for the liberation of the country by the U.S. Army and the Allies.

For more information on Bastogne and the Battle of the Bulge, visit [www.bastognehistoricalcenter.be](http://www.bastognehistoricalcenter.be) or [www.bastogne.be](http://www.bastogne.be).

### How to sign up?

□ The European Military History Group has an organized tour scheduled Dec. 16 for the historic perimeter walk. The group departs from Spangdahlem AB behind building 103 Dec. 16 at 5:15 a.m., and will arrive in Bastogne at approximately 7 a.m. The bus departs from Bastogne at 10 p.m. with a planned return time to base around 11:30 p.m. and midnight.

Tour price: 25 euro per person without lunch and 30 euro per person with lunch. Payment and lunch order must be made at sign up.

For sign-up or EMHG information, call Jim Leahy at 452-6052, Daniel Williams at 452-5119, Kyle Thomas at 452-6223 or Al Lutes at 456-5325. E-mail the EMHG at [EMHG-1@hotmail.com](mailto:EMHG-1@hotmail.com).

□ Individuals and units who wish to travel on their own can sign up by sending an e-mail to Ed Lapotsky at [ed.germany@t-online.de](mailto:ed.germany@t-online.de), or call him at 06507-8292. He is the co-organizer for the event. Pre-registration costs 4 euro per person. Registration the day of the event is 5 euro.

### Youth soccer team earns second at IMA-E tournament

Staff reports

The Spangdahlem Air Base Youth Services Junior Division soccer team won the Kaiserslautern Military Community Tournament at Ramstein Air Base Oct. 27. The 13-15 year old players beat out the Landstuhl United team 5-3.

This triumph gave Spangdahlem AB an invitation to represent the KMC at the IMA-E Junior Soccer Tournament at Camp Darby, Italy, during Veterans Day weekend. They played against six other teams from Germany and Italy for the title of European Champions.

Spangdahlem AB won second place in Europe after losing in the final in an overtime loss to Grafenwohr 2-1.



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Members of the Spangdahlem Air Base Youth Services soccer team pose by the Leaning Tower of Pisa after their second place win.

### Out and About

◆ Visit the picturesque Dudeldorf Christmas market **Saturday** from noon to 8 p.m., and **Sunday** from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. On schedule are a large number of Christmas sales stands, music, food and entertainment throughout the heart of the community. The Dudeldorf market is known to be one of the most scenic and largest markets in the immediate Eifel area.

◆ The annual advent market of Weissenseifen takes place **Sunday** in the art quarters of Weissenseifen. On schedule are natural products from the area, puppet plays, music and other entertainment. Many nice stands will offer Christmas related products and art.